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**City of Asheville**

**Asheville Police Department**



**Statement from Chief Tammy Hooper**

**Asheville, NC (July 4, 2016):** It has come to my attention that there is misinformation circulating in the community regarding some of the circumstances in the Saturday, July 2 officer involved shooting at Deaverview apartments.

The incident is currently under investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation. We are fully cooperating with the investigation and cannot release specific details. However, I would like to clarify information originally released.

Mr. Williams was armed with an AR-15 assault rifle. Shell casings were recovered in Pisgah View apartments where the initial call for service for shots fired originated and the weapon was recovered from Mr. Williams at the scene in Deaverview.

Any death represents a loss to the community and is particularly devastating for members of the family. We are asking for the community's patience and help as the SBI continues their investigation. Anyone who witnessed the incident is urged to contact the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) at [828-654-8901](tel:828-654-8901).

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